

**RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

New Jersey Health Foundation's Research Grants Program funds early health-related projects that demonstrate exciting potential and help researchers qualify for larger grants from other organizations to advance their projects

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I. THE GRANT REQUEST

A. Applicants

Full-time faculty members and employees of eligible organizations who meet the eligibility requirements may request funds to initiate a research project with the objective of securing external funds to continue the research.

B. Amount of Grant

New Jersey Health Foundation will consider grant applications up to \$35,000. Grants in excess of these amounts will be considered only with full justification and individual support by the appropriate organization official or similarly designated position.

C. Eligibility

- Full-time faculty and employees of eligible organizations.
- Part-time and adjunct faculty or staff are not eligible to apply as PIs.
- **Eligible organizations: Kessler Foundation, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Princeton University, Rowan University, Rutgers University and Stevens Institute of Technology.**
- ***Only applicants who have followed all of their organizations' policies and procedures prior to submission to NJHF will be considered.***
- Consideration will be given to applications that have received matching funds. To verify a match, a letter of confirmation of matching grant support is required to be submitted electronically with application.

D. Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a New Jersey Health Foundation Review Committee composed of members of the NJHF Board of Directors plus members of the medical, pharmaceutical and business communities.

Submission to New Jersey Health Foundation does not guarantee grant funding.

E. **Review Criteria**

- i. Have the guidelines been followed and application correctly completed?
- ii. Does the area of research address an important problem today?
- iii. Does the proposal communicate the importance of the work and the enthusiasm of the applicant?
- iv. Does the application indicate that this grant will be used as leverage to obtain further funding to advance the research?
- v. Are the objectives clearly defined and is the basic question to be answered clearly identified? Is the methodology well thought out and reasonable to achieve the objectives?
- vi. Is the amount requested reasonable and consistent with the budget submitted?

- F. **Application Forms, Submission and Deadlines.** Application forms can be found once the cycle starts at www.nihf.org. Applications will be accepted electronically only. Deadline dates for submission of grant applications will be posted for each award cycle. **Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.**

All applications are to be submitted on line only **after the applicant has followed all standard approval protocols and procedures at his/her organization.**

Applicants will be asked to electronically provide:

- a one (1) page lay abstract, double spaced, no less than 12 point type, 1" margins
- a four (4) page proposal, double spaced, no less than 12 point type, 1" margins
- a CV for the principal investigator
- a letter verifying organizational support of the application
- a letter confirming matching funds (if applicable)
- a budget
- literature references (optional)

Applications not in compliance with these layout guidelines will be disqualified.

II. NOTICE OF AWARD

Grant recipients and organization designees will be notified of acceptance or rejection of grants and reporting deadlines for accepted applications.

New Jersey Health Foundation does not release final scores or comments.

Upon receipt of notification, awardees will also receive a Letter of Agreement to sign prior to release of funds. A sample agreement is posted at www.njhf.org.

III. SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline date but may be submitted for the next award cycle. Deadline dates are posted at www.njhf.org.

IV. GRANT PERIOD and PAYMENTS

The funding period for each grant is one year. Grant awards will be made to the recipient's organization and not to the applicant directly.

V. PUBLICITY

New Jersey Health Foundation reserves the right to publicize its grant awards, recipient names, organizations and research titles.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT

All print, video, web site and audio materials related to the grant project or program (publications, conference presentations or patents filed) must identify and credit **New Jersey Health** Foundation for its support indicating “**This research has been funded (or funded in part) by a grant from New Jersey Health Foundation.**” Copies or descriptions of all materials (publications, conference presentations or patents filed) arising from **New Jersey Health** Foundation grants must be supplied to **New Jersey Health** Foundation electronically through the application portal by the grantee in accordance with the recipient's school or institute's internal procedures. Please notify NJHF by e-mailing researchgrant@njhf.org when posting material.

VII. GRANT ADMINISTRATION

The responsibility for the financial administration of grants is delegated to the appropriate organization department or unit.

VIII. EXPENDITURES

Grants must be used to fund only direct program costs. They cannot be used to fund overhead, tuition, indirect or investment management fees.

A. Salary

Salary may not be requested for the principal investigator or the Co-PI. Salary for full-time faculty or staff members will be not considered except in unusual circumstances in which case a specific request and justification must be made to NJHF as part of the submitted budget.

B. Budget Categories

Emphasis should be given to items that specifically support project goals (as opposed to general items such as furniture, office supplies, personal computers, etc.). **Travel fund requests will not be considered except in unusual circumstances in which case a specific request and justification must be made to NJHF as part of the submitted budget.**

C. Adherence to Budget

Expenditures of grant funds must adhere to the specific categories and items in the approved grant budget. See requirement for budget changes below.

D. Equipment

Equipment provided through **New Jersey Health** Foundation funding, although designated for primary use by the grantee, must be made available to faculty, students and others throughout the recipient's organization. All equipment purchased through **New Jersey Health** Foundation grants becomes the property of the recipient's organization.

IX. GRANT CHANGES

A. Budget Changes

Funds may not be re-budgeted without the written approval of **New Jersey Health** Foundation. Requests must have the prior approval of the appropriate organization official. The request and organization approval of the request must then be forwarded to **New Jersey Health** Foundation for final consideration.

B. Grant Period Changes

1. Effective Date

The start date of the grant will be set forth in the letter of agreement. No changes in start date will be considered.

2. **Expiration Date.** The grant period is one year. If additional time is required, a request for an extension must be submitted to **New Jersey Health Foundation at least 30 days prior to the expiration date.**

Extension requests must be submitted electronically and must include:

- An approval of the extension request from the Research Dean
- A narrative that includes a progress report and the reason for the delay
- An official interim financial report indicating funds spent to date and funds remaining

The number of grant extensions that can be requested is limited to one (1) one-year extension.

C. Senior Personnel or Scope of Project Changes

Changes in principal or co-principal investigators identified in the original grant request or changes to the scope of the project may not be made without the approval of **New Jersey Health Foundation**. Forward a written approval from the organization official or similarly designated individual along with an explanation for the requested change to NJHF consideration.

X. RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES

The principal investigator or author will notify **New Jersey Health Foundation** when funding that provides support for the project or for any budget item funded by the **New Jersey Health Foundation** grant is received from another source during the grant period. This additional funding will not affect **New Jersey Health Foundation's** commitment to the project.

XI. REPAYMENT OF UNUSED FUNDS

Any portion of grant funds unexpended and not committed at the completion of the project or at the end of the grant period, including any authorized extension thereof, must be returned to **New Jersey Health Foundation** within 30 days of receipt of the final financial report.

XII. **FUNDING CLOSEOUT**

Grant recipients will receive 80% of their approved funding as an initial payment.

Following completion of the project, final reports will be due to **New Jersey Health** Foundation by the date specified in the notification letter or the extension approval notification.

The remaining 20% will be provided following the electronic submission and approval of final narrative and financial reports by New Jersey Health Foundation.

Final reports to be submitted:

Final Narrative Report

The written report will give details of activities, conclusions drawn, estimation of the degree to which project goals were achieved, and a statement as to whether the grant has helped to secure additional support funds. A copy of any publication resulting from the **New Jersey Health** Foundation grant should be submitted with the final narrative report or when available.

Final Financial Report

This report must be submitted with the signature of the organization or academic institution's financial controller or his/her designee. It is understood that grant reports are made available to the **New Jersey Health** Foundation staff. All other interested persons requesting such reports will need permission from the grantee and **New Jersey Health** Foundation.

It is the responsibility of the PI to see that final narrative and financial reports are submitted on or before the due date specified in the notification letter or in the extension approval.

If final narrative and financial reports are not received within 30 days of the due date:

- Payment of remaining 20% of grant funds will not be awarded
- Future funding to the PI or Co-PI will be jeopardized